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1. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER:

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2. Applicant Project Title: **ARRA 2009 State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)**

3. Applicant Department: **Delaware Health and Social Services**

4. Applicant Division/APU: **Delaware Health Care Commission**

5. Applicant Address: 410 Federal Street, Suite 7, Margaret O'Neill Building

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8. Signature of Secretary or Agency Head (for state agencies) or Chief Administrator (for all other applicants)

9. Federal Grantor Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

10. Federal Sub-Agency: Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

11. Federal Contact Person: John B. Gazdik, Grants Management Specialist

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13. Address: Attn: State Loan Repayment Program
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14. Federal Program Title:

ARRA 2009 State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

15. FEDERAL CATALOG NO:
 (CFDA)

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16. Project Description:

Through the Recovery Act of 2009, HRSA is making available funding to address health professional workforce shortages to State Loan Repayment Programs in FY 2009 and FY2010. The State Loan Repayment Program offers licensed health professionals an opportunity to work in underserved areas and to receive awards for repayment of educational loans in exchange for their commitment to serving the uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid, and Medicare populations in Delaware. The SLRP program helps to address health professional workforce shortages that may cause disparities in access to health care. The goal is to increase the number of primary health care providers serving in the state's health professional shortage areas.

The program is administered by the Delaware Health Care Commission in cooperation with the Delaware Higher Education Commission and the Division of Public Health.

17. Will funds be utilized for any technology initiatives? ☐ Yes ☒ No If so, Business Case Number and brief project summary:

18. Measurable Objectives:
 a. What were last year's objectives?

- Fill gaps in access of primary care services by increasing the number of providers in underserved areas, thereby increasing the number of patients who can obtain access to primary care services on a timely basis;
- Improve the retention of existing providers by providing incentives for those to stay who otherwise might leave to pursue higher salaries elsewhere;
- Address health disparities via application review criteria that take into account gender, racial/ethnic background and languages spoken;
- Assure quality health care by considering the education and experience of providers of applicant clinicians.

b. Were these objectives met? (If not, please explain why)

Yes

c. What are this year's objectives?

Same objectives as last year. See above, under a)

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19. Grant Period:

From: **September 30, 2009**

To: **September 30, 2011**

20. How many years has this project been funded:

9 years

21. If the project was funded last year, how much federal money was awarded?

\$100,000 for the Budget period 09/1/2008 through 08/31/2009

22. Source of funding for this application:

Dollars

a. Federal grant – **ARRA 2009 SLRP**

\$100,000

b. Other federal funds
(Specify source of funding)

HRSA Grant No. H56HP00121; Award No. H56HP00121-07-02

\$100,000

c. Required state contribution
(Specify source of funding)

50/50 State/Federal match required; General Funds

\$250,000

d. Discretionary state contribution
(Specify source of funding)

e. Required local contribution
(Specify source of funding)

f. Other non- federal funds
(Specify source of funding)

TOTAL

\$450,000

23. Budget by cost category and source:

Federal
Funds

State
Funds

Other
Funds

Total
Funds

Salaries & Fringe Benefits

Personal or Contractual Services

Travel

Supplies & Materials

Capital Expenditures

Audit Fees				
Indirect Costs				
Other	\$200,000	\$250,000		
TOTAL	\$200,000	\$250,000		\$450,000

24. How many positions are required for the project? (Exclude casual/seasonal employees)

Breakdown of position(s)	Authorized in State Budget	New Positions Required	Total
Paid for out of federal funds			
Paid for out of General Funds			
Paid for out of state special funds			
Paid for out of bond/local/other funds			
TOTAL			

25. PLEASE NOTE: On a separate piece of paper, please give position number, grade, yearly salary and percent of funding (federal, state, local, other) and the full-time equivalent for all positions required. Please identify the new positions by placing an asterisk before the position title. If this grant funds positions within other departments, divisions and/or offices, please list them. **If a position has been reallocated to or from another grant please indicate the grant source.**

About 30% of 1 FTE (a state funded position) in the Health Care Commission supports the management and coordination of the Loan Repayment Program. All program administrative costs are covered by the state.

Director of Planning & Policy

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DELAWARE HEALTH CARE COMMISSION DELAWARE STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

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Funding

There are two funding streams that support the State Loan Repayment Program: federal funding through the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Health Professions, and State General Funds. Federal funding can only be used for full-time professionals practicing in federally designated Health Professional Shortage Areas and a dollar for dollar match of non-federal money is required. State funds for the program appear as line items in the budgets for the Delaware Institute for Medical Education and Research (DIMER - \$150,000 annually, this was increased \$50,000 in State Fiscal Year 2008) and the Delaware Institute for Dental Education and Research (DIDER - \$100,000 annually), both of which are advisory to the Health Care Commission. Level funding was appropriated for State Fiscal Year 2010, which began July 1, 2009, even with the current state economy, which shows the strong support for the program.

The funds are transferred by the Health Care Commission to the Delaware Higher Education Commission, which is authorized to make awards for repayment of outstanding government and commercial loans incurred during undergraduate or graduate education (i.e. principal, interest and related expenses for tuition and educational costs).

To demonstrate the success of the loan repayment program, it is important to review the number of successful placements in Delaware.

Geographic Distribution of All Delaware Loan Repayment Participants since 2001

In Delaware, the State Loan Repayment Program placed 58 health care clinicians (34 physicians; 10 nurse midwives, nurse practitioners or physician assistant; and 14 dentists) over about a 9 yr period (FY2001- 2009). The service obligation generally requires a commitment of two years of full-time service in an underserved area.

The placements as of FY09 by county are highlighted below:

TOTAL:	58
New Castle	17
Kent	16
Sussex	25